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Dear Marge:

I saw Gerald Park a little while ago and he helped to clear up the story about the false news about Speck and his chromosome type. It mostly resulted from some confusion when Sato, who speaks English rather poorly, answered the phone to the New York Times trying to track down which laboratory had typed Speck according to some rumor. In fact, the Times did publish a prompt retraction, which I had missed, and which, in fact, has a rather irrelevant headline.

I suppose you already know that Court Brown died a couple of months ago. We had hoped to have him here for a distinguished lectureship. He has a review in the current British Journal of Medical Genetics, which I am sure you will not miss.

All the best.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg  
Professor of Genetics